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Funding in Omnibus Appropriations Bill Will Aid Projects in the 13th District

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Rep. Stark: "When President Obama signed the omnibus appropriations bill last week, it included new funding for important priorities in our community. I was pleased to help secure these needed funds for investments in the 13th Congressional District."

These appropriations requests include projects such as a career-training program for green jobs, improvements for commuter rail, and expansions of after-school programs.

Below is a list of the community projects that have been funded in the FY 2009 omnibus appropriations bill.

AGRICULTURE

ALAMEDA CREEK WATERSHED PROJECT: Granted \$1,337,000, requested together with Reps. McNerney and Tauscher. Arroyo de Arroyo de la Laguna is the main tributary to Alameda Creek, the second largest drainage to the San

Francisco Bay. Rapid suburban development in the upper watershed has caused severe instability in the lower five miles of the Arroyo, resulting in stream bank erosion, channel widening, and increased sedimentation of Alameda Creek and the San Francisco Bay. This has adversely affected on-site wildlife habitat and degrades upstream/downstream habitat. This project will make use of bioengineered stream restoration practices that will focus on the control of stream flow within the Arroyo.

COMMERCE-JUSTICE-SCIENCE

ALAMEDA COUNTY CHILDREN'S ASSESSMENT CENTER: Granted \$530,000 on behalf of the Alameda County Social Services Agency. The Children's Assessment Center is open 23 hours a day and is a countywide three-site program that allows frontline Child Protective Services workers to bring children to a safe, child-oriented setting when they have been removed from their homes. Multi-disciplinary teams of professionals who conduct preliminary assessments of the children staff the Center. Its core function is to provide an appropriate environment that provides the time and resources needed to make a full assessment and the most appropriate placement decision for each child.

EAST BAY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM: Granted \$1,170,000 on behalf of the East Bay Communications System Authority together with Reps. Lee, McNerney & Tauscher. The East Bay Regional Communications System will be a state of the art P25 compliant communications system for the public agencies within Contra Costa and Alameda Counties. Funds will assist with the development of three additional sites that will be a critical link between the two counties. When complete the system will have 32 repeater sites — equipment for 10 of the sites has already been purchased and is in the process of installation.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM: Granted \$150,000 on behalf of the City of Newark. Consists of a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program for K-12, with a parent program, in addition to a seventeen week long program for sixth graders that covers drugs, their influence on the mind and body, peer pressure, and alternatives.

ENERGY-WATER

ESTUDILLO CANAL: Granted \$96,000 on behalf of the Alameda County Public Works Agency. Funds the continuing feasibility study for the Canal in San Leandro, which will increase flood protection to approximately 1,800 residential properties and enable the District to submit a Letter of Map Revision for FEMA to remove the flood plain designation of the study area.

GREEN ENERGY JOB TRAINING INITIATIVE: Granted \$237,000 on behalf of the Peralta Community College District. Funds will go toward developing a career-training program for green energy related jobs in the Peralta Community Colleges.

LAGUNA CREEK WATERSHED: Granted \$96,000 on behalf of the Alameda County Public Works Agency. Funds the continuing feasibility study for the Creek in San Leandro, which will increase flood protection to approximately 525 residential properties and enable the District to submit a Letter of Map Revision for FEMA to remove the flood plain designation of the study area.

LABOR-HEALTH-HUMAN SERVICES

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM EXPANSION: Granted \$285,000 on behalf of Eden Housing, a district non-profit that

assists low-income constituents to find affordable housing. Funds will be used to expand successful after-school programs in Alameda County and surrounding counties. The programs provide low-income students a safe place, close to home, to complete their homework and receive assistance and mentoring tailored to their unique needs.

AFTER SCHOOL RECREATION PROGRAM: Granted \$29,000 on behalf of the City of Newark. The After School Recreation Program serves the Newark community's youth by offering a program that recognizes a child's need for recreational activities with caring adults to help foster social and emotional skills.

ALAMEDA COUNTY CHILDREN'S SCREENING, ASSESSMENT, REFERRAL & TREATMENT (SART) INITIATIVE: Granted \$476,000 on behalf of First Five Alameda County. Funds will go toward developing the SART Initiative, a coordinated system of care for early identification of children ages 0-5 who have, or are at risk of, developmental and socio-emotional delays.

INCREASING HEALTH-RELATED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS IN THE BAY AREA: Granted \$114,000 on behalf of Chabot College. Funds will be used to increase nursing and medical-related educational opportunities for students in the Bay Area. Chabot College will increase their capacity to serve additional students through teacher recruitment and ongoing training. Federal funds will be utilized to develop an outreach plan to attract and retain teachers.

TRANSPORTATION-HOUSING-URBAN DEVELOPMENT

PARK STREET PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS: Granted \$475,000 on behalf of the City of Alameda. Improvements made to the Park Street Business District are revitalizing downtown Alameda. A phased approach is reversing the chronic leakage of retail sales out of Alameda by creating jobs and desirable business opportunities. This plan for a safe and walkable downtown promotes public safety and public transit usage while increasing access for the disabled.

UNION CITY INTERMODAL PHASE II - COMMUTER RAIL CONNECTION: Granted \$475,000 on behalf of Union City. Funds will complete the remaining BART Station modifications to the east side of the station and accomplishes the critical BART connection directly to the planned Capitol Corridor/Dumbarton Rail Station.

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